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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Shiho FUKUMOTO, Keiji INOUE

HIGH SPEED STEEL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

Assignee: HITACHI METALS, LTD.

Our Ref. Q80353

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 33 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, nine (9) sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

TOTAL FILING FE	E E				\$770.00
Independent claims Base Fee	2 - 3	=	_ x	\$86.00 =	\$.00 \$770.00
Total claims	10 - 20	=	_ x	\$18.00 =	\$.00

Recordation of Assignment \$40.00 TOTAL FEE \$810.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date	
Japan	2003-105387	April 9, 2003	



The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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